

Sepro Robotique

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Sepro and Pays de la Loire Region Development Group to Participate in Robotic Innovation Event

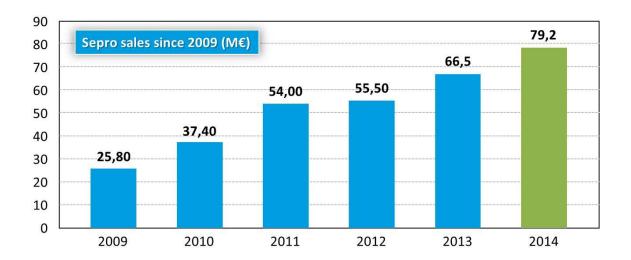
Sepro Group, a world leader in robotic automation for the plastics injection-molding industry, will exhibit at Innorobo 2015 booth **C39**, an important European event 100% dedicated to robotics and disruptive innovations. The exhibition is scheduled from 1 to 3 July in Lyon, France. Sepro is a co-exhibitor with PROXINNOV, an innovation platform for the Pays de la Loire region in western France. Sepro is headquartered in La Roche sur Yon, France.

"Sepro is the largest independent supplier of robots to the global plastics industry," explains Jean-Michel Renaudeau, CEO of Sepro Group and also the current President of PROXINNOV. "But we are not well-known outside of our plastics niche and, even though we are the largest French robot manufacturer, we are not that well known in our home country. By participating in Innorobo 2015 in Lyon, together with our partners from western France, we hope to raise our profile and show the kind of innovation and success even a medium-sized French company can achieve on the world market."

For the third year in a row, Sepro is on track to set a record for turnover and also for the number of robots sold. Based on sales through the end of May, Sepro anticipates 2015 revenue will increase 9% over 2014 when sales were €79.2 million.

This remarkable record of success is the result of a major commitment to research and development, and to business and technology partnerships. Virtually every product the company sells today has been developed or redesigned in the last seven years. Sepro has invested heavily in expanding operations in the United States and Germany, its #1

and #2 global markets, respectively, while also building its base in developing markets like Brazil and China.



Mr. Renaudeau says he wants to use the Innorobo show and his company's involvement in the PROXINNOV organization to help other companies realize the potential of automation. "We want to demonstrate that success in manufacturing can be achieved through collaboration between man and machine."

At Innorobo 2015, a Model 6X60 six-axis articulated-arm robot will represent Sepro's full line of products, which also includes three-axis and 5-axis Cartesian beam robots specially designed for use in the plastics industry. The 6X Line is the result of collaboration between Sepro and the Swiss robot manufacturer, Stäubli Robotic. The Stäubli mechanics are paired with Sepro's proprietary Visual control so that it is easy and intuitive for plastics injection molders to use. The Visual control platform is used on all Sepro robots.

"We offer our customers 'Free Choice' in robots," Renaudeau says. "By that we mean that no matter what their application, no matter where they are located, no matter what molding machines they operate, new machines or existing, Sepro has options that can meet their needs. This is why we innovate, and it is fundamental to our success."

Sepro Robotique was one of the first companies in the world to develop Cartesian beam robots for injection-molding machines, introducing its first CNC controlled "manipulator" in 1981. Today, Sepro is one of the largest independent sellers of Cartesian robots. Customers around the world are supported by wholly-owned daughter companies in Germany, Spain, Benelux, the United Kingdom, the United States, Mexico, Brazil and China. Numerous direct sales and service offices as well as independent business partners, distributors and service hubs extend Sepro's global network to over 40 other countries. To date, Sepro has equipped more than 25,000 injection-molding machines worldwide. The company's global turnover for 2014 was €79.2 million.